

# WITH THE FARMERS

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"How do you prune tomatoes?" I have never tried it. In large field culture for the canning houses it does pay to do any pruning on tomatoes. In that case it is best to plant them four feet apart each way and let them take their natural growth and tumble over the ground. Where one is engaged in the production of fine specimens for the home market or in a home garden, it will pay to take some trouble in training them. In a small garden one can plant closer and make things neater by proper training, and can certainly get finer fruits. There is another great advantage in the garden in training plants up, and this is that where they tumble on the ground they are almost impossible to keep clean after they cover the ground, for the ever-present crab grass will envelop the whole, and often cuts the late crop short.

Where the plants are trained up, we keep the grass down. In my garden I set the plants in rows three feet apart and two feet apart in the rows. This would be entirely too close if the plants were allowed to fall over on the ground. I set stakes six feet tall to each plant, and tie the main stem to the stake loosely to allow for growth. Then all the side shoots or suckers are regularly pinched off and the plants trained up to a single stem. Tying must be attended to as the plants grow in height, and when they reach the top of the stake I pinch out the tip. This method involves a good deal of work, for the suckers will persist in shooting out and must be kept pinched off continually. But, having done this, one can keep the weeds and grass hoed out and the plot clean. This is the way I grow the early ones. Then by sowing some seed the last of May, I raise some late plants to take the place of the early ones, and as these grow late and can be kept clean till after the worst season for crab grass is over, I usually give them more room and let them fall on the ground. At that time in the summer the boll worms are generally over, and we can get a larger crop from letting the plants take their natural habit.

**Bermuda Grass.**  
Up under the Blue Ridge a correspondent writes: "I have been much interested in the value of Bermuda grass as a pasture that I want to try in a field in it, and would like to know when to sow the seed?" There is no doubt about the great value of Bermuda grass in its proper locality, but that is not in your section. Bermuda is of the greatest value as a pasture grass in the warm, sandy soils of the Eastern section and farther west. In your section I would never advise its use. You can grow other grasses better, and grasses that do not thrive so well in the sections where Bermuda is most at home. Bermuda is a grass that is imported from India, but in this country it seeds very little, and is commonly grown by planting cuttings of the running stems in the spring in shallow furrows, about one foot apart, and it soon runs over the whole soil.

In your section you can make a better permanent pasture with a liberal seeding of orchard grass, red top, and Kentucky blue grass, than I have done this in a similar part of the State. The big tussocks that the orchard grass makes and the red top will shelter the slower starting blue grass, and if the grass is mature in the spring and fed in spring, and a dressing of lime is brushed in with a smoothing harrow once in six years, you will soon have a pasture entirely of the blue grass. Kentucky blue grass is native to the soil, and on any of the red clay soils of the Piedmont section of Virginia it can be made to grow finely if a liming is occasionally given, for, as I have said, I have done it.

And right down here in the coast country, where I live, and on a sandy soil, we grow blue grass as dense as it ever grew in Kentucky. I am using Kentucky blue grass, and I am using it in a similar part of the State. The big tussocks that the orchard grass makes and the red top will shelter the slower starting blue grass, and if the grass is mature in the spring and fed in spring, and a dressing of lime is brushed in with a smoothing harrow once in six years, you will soon have a pasture entirely of the blue grass. Kentucky blue grass is native to the soil, and on any of the red clay soils of the Piedmont section of Virginia it can be made to grow finely if a liming is occasionally given, for, as I have said, I have done it.

**Soja Beans.**  
"Are the mammoth yellow soja beans better than cow peas?" They do seem to have somewhat higher feeding value, but as I have said before, it is little, if any, difference between them and cow peas. But as a hay crop, I am sure that a mixture of half soja beans, or soy beans as they are now commonly called, will be better than either alone. The milk-producing soy beans, by their erect habit, will hold up the peas on the ground and make the crop more easily harvested, and where forage is the object I would advise this mixture.

**Buckwheat.**  
"I have never sown any buckwheat, but wish to sow some. How much seed should be sown an acre?" If you intend to sow buckwheat for the grain, the middle of July is early enough. It can be sown in stubble fields from which the winter grain has been removed, or after any crop that is off the land in early summer. How much seed should be sown an acre will depend somewhat on the character of the soil. On land of moderate fertility sow one bushel of seed an acre, on strong land sow three pecks of seed.

Buckwheat is often sown merely for a bee pasture by the bee keepers, and in that case sowings will be made from early spring till August so as to have the blooms run through the season. But when sown for grain the middle of July is early enough.

Buckwheat is now very commonly used in Maryland and Delaware as a nurse crop for crimson clover. The buckwheat is drilled in and the clover seed then sown and brushed in lightly. The buckwheat turns rapidly and furnishes just the amount of shade the

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**JAPAN IS WILLING TO CONSIDER PLAN**  
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an hour, but without any definite results. Japan, it is believed, has abandoned its former contention that the Webb bill is a violation of the existing treaty, and in the rejoinder brings some pointed queries as to the naturalization laws of the nation and the classification of Japanese thereunder.

Mr. Bryan stated locally that he expected the Japanese note will be in his hands within three days at the latest, as it is now being cabled to the embassy here.

It is also believed that the Japanese ambassador conveyed to Mr. Bryan the news that the recent conference between Count Yamamoto and some leaders of the opposition party in Tokyo, over the handling of the California situation, had served to allay popular feeling in Japan, and that the government now feels surer of its footing than it did two weeks ago.

**ANOTHER CHANCE FOR VINDICATION**  
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dication, launched her surprise. Seizing the floor, she said: "I wish to make a statement. Only to-day I have gained evidence that at least one of the charges against Mr. Heister resulted from coercion and collusion. I believe he should have an immediate public hearing by this board."

Then she sat down, and N. R. Criss, chairman of the finance committee, moved that a public hearing be granted the school head under the rules of the school board.

**SHOOTING HIMSELF THROUGH HEART**  
Alexander B. Stuart Commits Suicide at Home of Sister in Wytheville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Wytheville, Va., June 2.—Alexander B. Stuart, half-brother of Henry C. Stuart, and brother of Mrs. A. A. Campbell, committed suicide last evening about 9:20 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Campbell by shooting himself through the heart.

The tragedy occurred about the time Mrs. Campbell and her son, Stuart, returned from church, Judge Campbell being absent at Grayson court.

Mr. Stuart was found sitting in his chair with a revolver in his lap and was still alive, dying about the time of the arrival of physicians, who were hastily summoned. He lived, it is believed, twenty minutes.

Mr. Stuart had been in very bad health for several years. A year ago he was compelled to give up the management of his farm in the east end of the county, and seek relief in hospitals, without much hope of improvement. A few months ago his mind gave evidence of impairment under the ravages of disease, and later he suffered hallucinations, and evidently it was during one of these periods that he ended his life.

The funeral services were held at the residence of Judge Campbell this afternoon, and the interment will be at Saltville to-morrow in the family plot.

## COBB FOR CHASE IS LATEST YARN

But Frank Navin, of Detroit, Says There Is Absolutely Nothing Doing.

Chicago, Ill., June 2.—The Evening Post today printed an interview with an unnamed man "closely identified with American League affairs." In the statement it is made that the Detroit and Chicago clubs are arranging a trade involving Ty Cobb and Hal Chase. Confirmation of the report was lacking here and in Detroit.

The Chicago team got Chase from New York yesterday by exchanging First Base Borton and Utility infielder Zelder for him.

Nothing to It.—Navin, president of the Detroit American League Club, when he learned this afternoon of the Chicago rumor concerning a trade involving Ty Cobb and Hal Chase, said he is not considering any other trade with the Chicago club at present.

**Bloomer Girls Here.**  
The Bloomer Girls and Adams & Co. team of the Richmond League, will play the players of the Bristol club to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The girls expect to win. A large audience is expected to watch the game.

**BRISTOL REJOINS APPALACHIAN**  
Bristol, Va., June 2.—Upon assurance that Jacob Smith, of Cleveland, will to-morrow retire from the presidency of the Appalachian League, the Bristol club will remain in the organization. Upon this assumption, the players were sent to Middletown, Ky., where they are now engaged in a series of games. Attorney John S. Ashworth is handling a new organization to take over the Bristol club.

**Byron DeBeauvoir.**  
London, June 2.—Bill Byron to-night won the English champion championship from Digby Stanley, holder of the title. The match, which was before the National Sporting Club, went twenty rounds, Byron getting the decision.

The contest was for a purse of £250 and the Lord Lansdale belt.

**BLAZE OF GLORY STARTS LAST WEEK**  
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crack, was second, with Little Father beating Grover Hughes a scant length for the short end of the purse.

Great Britain, the Canadian candidate for the title, was defeated by the Derby, won his second straight victory at the meeting. At present he rules favorite for the Milldale Classic, and will have the distinction of being the first Canadian-owned horse to battle for the Latonia Derby purse.

**MISS MIKE MAKES NEW GOLF RECORD**  
Glen Cove, L. I., June 2.—A new woman's record of eighty-two for the Nassau Country Club golf course was made to-day by Miss Lillian B. Hyde of Westbrook, in outplaying fifty-seven contenders in the eighteen-hole qualifying round for the women's metropolitan golf championship. Miss Hyde won the Metropolitan in 1910 and 1911. Last year she did not compete.

Miss Georgiana M. Bishop, of Brookline, Conn., twice winner of the title and former national champion, played consistently for an eighty-eight score. The match play begins to-morrow with sixteen contenders in the first round.

**Salesman Charged With Theft.**  
Trinity College, Durham, N. C., June 2.—The most important business before the annual meeting of the board of trustees of Trinity College, which was held here this afternoon, was the reading of the report made by President William Preston Few. In this report a general resume of the work of the past year is given, and recommendations are made. Other matters of general interest were discussed by the board, but these will not be announced before Wednesday morning.

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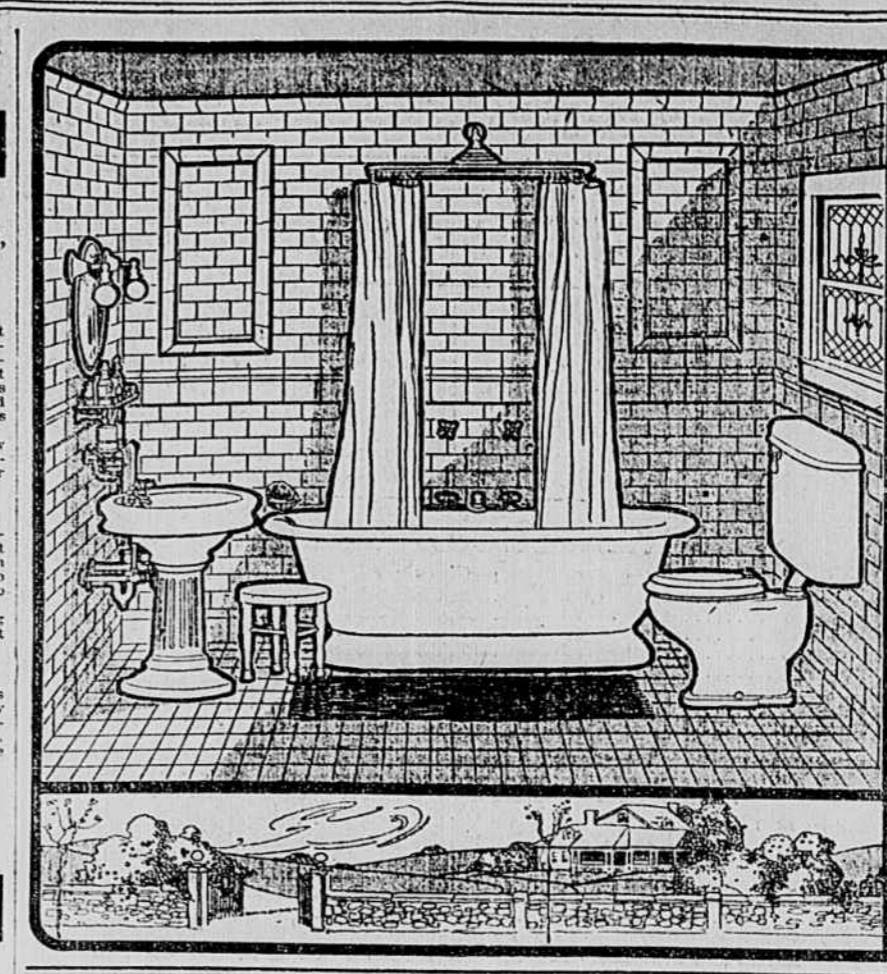
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## IN THE WAKE OF THE GAME

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to find a solution, we happen to know—and this without criticism of any one—that Fred Westervelt, who this season is regarded as one of the best men in Tom Clivington's American Association, class AA, could have been secured for the Virginia League at a salary of \$250 a month. He was told that the league couldn't afford it. Maybe the league can't, but, then, the magnates quit their cries when they get inferior brands of arbiting. In justice to Win Clarke, Kahoe stated that in the two games he witnessed, Win did mighty good work. Maybe it will solve itself, but so long as the owners are disgruntled, there is room for the fan to be dissatisfied.

**Hedgpeth Looks Likely.**  
Sandy Piez got his normal home run yesterday against the Pirates. Without disparaging the work of Spencer, we have never been able to understand how he could be chosen over Piez. Merely a matter of judgment, of course, and Spencer is announced as sold. As to Hedgpeth, the left-hander of the Goobers, there's a lad who is bound to make his mark. He is not fit, and has not been so far this season, because of his school worries. Likewise he confesses to stage-fright occasionally, something not always admitted by a youngster, but nearly always found in them. If the Washington club is really after a left-hander, as Kahoe says, Hedgpeth will come more nearly filling the bill than anything in the bushes. But what's the matter with Joe Boehling? He seems to be delivering a fair article whenever called upon.

**Chase for Cobb?**  
Hal Chase has been traded to the White Sox, and on the surface for once, Frank Chance has the worst of it. Zeider, a second baseman, and Borton, a first sacker, were given in exchange. Chance needs infielders, but where he has strengthened his team by letting out Chase those of us removed from big league affairs will be unable to see, especially since Chance announces that he will play first himself. On top of this trade comes an unconfirmed rumor that Hughie Jennings is to dispose of Ty Cobb for Hal Chase, almost as reasonable a swap as the one that has been made.

**Giants Nearing Top.**  
John McGraw's Giants are now tied for second place. The catapulting Superbas are drifting on their way to the second division, aided by the Phillies, who yesterday won a game after losing four straight to the Gotham champions. All of which will give the preseason spillers of prophecies a chance to grow chesny once more anent the probability of McGraw repeating. Washington received a serious jolt when the Athletics took two yesterday, even the redoubtable Walter Johnson falling a victim to the Mackinn wrecking crew. Mack's pitchers may be endowed with nothing more than a glove and sunny dispositions, but they have a way of relieving one another to such good effect that victory finally comes. And then J. Franklin Baker gets in the game occasionally.

**Why Colts Lead.**  
In the rating of Virginia League pitchers, Richmond has three of the first four. Harry Griffin leads, with three won and none lost; Ayers is third, with six won and one lost, and Charlie Strain is fourth, with eight won and three lost. Passing strange that Richmond is in first place. Even Walter Smallwood is eight, with five wins to two losses. That accounts for twenty-two victories. Marvelous, verily, that the Griffmen should be in the van.

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**GEORGE KIRCHER PAYS \$5 FINE**  
Norfolk, Va., June 2.—George Kircher, manager of the Norfolk baseball team, who engaged in a first fight with Thibault Howdell, of the Portsmouth team, during a game in that city Saturday, was today fined \$5 and one. The one was tried by Magistrate Thomas in Portsmouth. The charge of fighting preferred against Howdell was dismissed.

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## MISS CAREY WINS TENNIS MATCH

Norfolk, Va., June 2.—In the only match in the women's singles, played in the first day of the thirteenth annual tennis tournament for the championship of Virginia, which started here to-day, Miss Eleanor Carey of Baltimore, was the winner. Miss Carey advanced from the preliminary round to the first in easy fashion by defeating Miss Kate Cooke, of Norfolk, two straight sets. The scores were 6-0 and 6-2.

Besides Miss Carey there are two other Baltimore women players entered in the tournament. They are Miss Suzanne White and Miss Clara Cooke. On the ability shown to-day, Miss Carey is regarded as a likely contender for the title in women's singles. Philadelphia, nine matches were played in the men's singles to-day, and six in the same class went by default with no spots taking place.

## BOWLING

The Palace and News Leader teams opened the season of the Palace Summer Duckpin League last night on the Palace Alleys.

"Jason" Askin opened the exercises before a large crowd of spectators. "Jason" was slow in his speeches, but finally he made a few remarks.

The smoke of the Palace Alleys last night was well enjoyed by every member who attended the large crowd of spectators. The Palace team won the series. The News Leader boys rolled well, considering the scores.

The scores of the Palace team, was high bowler, and J. Jordan, the star bowler for the News Leader. Scores last night:

Palace	2	3	Total
W. Anderson	55	58	113
Chalmers	57	116	173
C. H. Cosby	124	105	229
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>626</b>

News Leader	2	3	Total
Gentry	19	52	71
Martin	51	54	105
H. Jordan	5	112	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>293</b>

Scores: Chalk, foul line, Grubbs and Kuy pln Judge, Burt and White Hope.

Wednesday, June 4, Journal vs. Richmond Lunch, alleys 4 and 5; Friday, June 6, Times-Dispatch vs. Virginia, 5; 112, 129.

**Standing of Teams.**  
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